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U.S. Serial No.: 10/633,871

Filing Date: August 4, 2003

For: *Portable Apparatus for Separating Sample and Detecting Target Analytes*

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Art Unit: 1744

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2. U.S.S.N. 09/669,862;
3. U.S.S.N. 09/714,410, filed November 14, 2000;
4. U.S.S.N. 10/350,541, filed January 24, 2003;
5. U.S.S.N. 10/350,626, filed January 24, 2003;
6. U.S.S.N. 10/350,628, filed January 24, 2003;
7. U.S.S.N. 10/351,714, filed January 27, 2003;
8. U.S.S.N. 10/402,383, filed March 28, 2003;
9. U.S.S.N. 10/405,204, filed April 2, 2003;
10. U.S.S.N. 10/414,979, filed April 16, 2003;
11. U.S.S.N. 10/454,179, filed June 3, 2003; and
12. U.S.S.N. 10/633,794, filed August 4, 2003.

None of the foregoing references is believed to disclose the invention as claimed.

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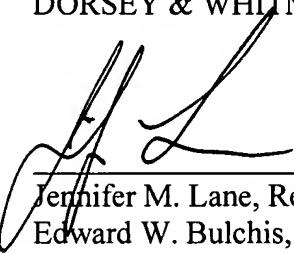
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